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LAVC students led a staged funeral procession in Monarch Square on Wednesday to protest classes and faculty cuts.

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Cuts claim more victims

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Editor-In-Chief

In response to budget cuts, which forced two theater arts teachers to be laid off, a group of students carried a casket through Monarch Square at Los Angeles Valley College, yesterday afternoon.

The teachers, technical director Dwayne Gardella and film teacher Mark Morris, were released from the Theater Arts' staff after replacing two teachers who retired last year. They were hired on as temporary full-time teachers and their release coincides with LAVC trimming \$1.3 million from its budget. The Theater Arts Department now has four full-time instructors.

The procession included twenty to thirty students dressed in black and white and whose attire included a black arm band. The arm band signified the students' mourning of the teachers, Michael Savage, one of the protesters said.

"I'm here to support the Theater Arts Department," Chairat Supsin another protester said. "Pretty soon they will cut music and other art departments."

The students' procession brought them outside the office of LAVC

President, Mary Lee, where they waited for a few minutes before peacefully departing.

Monarch Square was the final destination. Two students gave a eulogy just after a band finished playing. Reading from prepared texts, Aaron Freedkin and then Vince Garma called for an end to the cuts that they said could eventually eliminate all the fine arts programs at LAVC.

While the "funeral" was going on, one of the two teachers, Gardella was talking to a group of Ulysses S. Grant High School students who were touring the Theater Arts Dept.

The group was part of a plan of the department to reach out to the surrounding community, according to the Theater Art Department's public relations director, Joe Milton.

Gardella explained the three theaters and the different programs that are offered by the department at the same time of the protest.

After the tour, Gardella said that he does not know what his plans are just yet. "Hopefully I'll get another teaching job or I'll get back into the professional field."

"Unlike other departments, we do a service to the community," he said. "And taking the main technical director doesn't make any sense."

Rallying continues

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

Over three thousand community college students and supporters rallied at the state Capitol Monday in protest of budget cuts and fee hikes proposed by Governor Wilson.

Wilson plans to cut community college funding by \$301 million, and offset the cut by raising student fees to \$30 per unit for undergraduates and \$105 per unit for students with a Bachelor's degree.

The California Student Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC) supported the rally and proposes an extension and diversion of funds from the 1/2 cent emergency sales tax to benefit higher education.

"We are here to let the Governor know that we want education to be accessible at all levels, and that taking funds from education to build prisons is a criminal act in itself," said Tony Lowden newly elected president of CalSACC.

Several legislators spoke before the mass of students on the east side of the Capitol, and showed support for the rally. "I think this is going to

get the attention of a lot of people. We do not need to balance the budget on the backs of students," said Assemblywoman Marguerite Archie-Hudson of the 48th district in South Central Los Angeles.

Assemblyman Tom Hayden spoke to the crowd about the legislature. "You have to tell them to stop subsidizing country clubs and start subsidizing education," Hayden said.

Representatives from community colleges around the state gave speeches and presented information to the crowd, including Los Angeles Valley College ASU President Jesse Hernandez. The Governor has been provided with viable alternatives to the cuts, such as the 1/2 cent tax, but has refused by saying he does not want to tax anyone, Hernandez said.

"He would rather tax the students, just say no," Hernandez said to the crowd of supporters who began to chant "Just say no." "We cannot let the so-called education governor steal away our education," Hernandez said.

Many of the speakers urged students to vote, and inform their

fellow students of the importance of the issues. CalSAAC representatives throughout the day spoke of their goal for affordable education and proposed a reduction of tax loopholes and the continuation of the 11 percent of Proposition 98 funds that go to community colleges, to help balance the budget.

Lowden informed the protesters that another rally is scheduled for May 15 at Pete Wilson's office in L.A.

Students and delegates from various colleges were able to make appointments to talk to legislators and were issued special passes to gain entrance to the Capitol. While students were told they needed passes to enter, people entered the building freely on other sides of the Capitol.

The protest began at 10 a.m. and lasted into the afternoon, with many Southern California schools leaving on their buses at 1 p.m. The LAVC students who participated left for Sacramento by bus at 1 p.m. on Sunday and arrived at Sacramento City College at 8 p.m., where they slept on the gym and student union building floors for the night.

Hot lines form for summer

By JOSE I. LEMUS
Staff Writer

Because of fee increases in Cal State Universities, reductions at Pierce and limited offerings at Mission, Los Angeles Valley has become one of the best options for summer school to students from across the Valley.

On Monday more than 700 students waited in line under the heat of the sunrays to make appointments for registration. Over 150 waited in line Tuesday in competition over the 121 classes available for summer school at LAVC. Admission Office personnel were still "too busy for interviews" on Wednesday.

Pierce is offering only 36 classes this summer, Mission 47. And Cal State universities are charging \$106 per unit, plus an additional fee of \$19 for registration.

The opportunity to pay only \$10 per unit in community colleges is a

very inviting alternative for many university students.

"It is a very good deal to come here," Donitz said Tuesday, her second day in line. She was discouraged Monday as the line "was too long", now she stood about 100 feet away from the registration counter.

David Rehart was in line because "Pierce isn't offering night classes for summer school." He normally attends CSUN, and goes to Pierce for lower division courses. "I just go to Pierce because it's cheaper," he said. Tuesday was also Rehart's second day hunting for an appointment for registration.

Stephanie Fenwick, Adrienne Maun and Raquel Ibanez had been in line for four hours. They live in the Valley but go to Cal State University of Long Beach. They were in line trying to enroll in Economics I at LAVC because CSULB summer school is "too expensive."

Fenwick said she was a little disappointed because the line was "too long." However she said, "I'll wait until I get in."

"I want to get my GE's over," Ibanez said, "and if it's cheaper here, I rather go here."

Maun said, "I wouldn't go to Cal State Long Beach and pay \$300 for a summer class."

Despite disappointment for the long hours, students waited with optimism because Valley has become their alternative. The Admissions Office had not been turning students away at the moment.

On Wednesday however, a clerk of the Admissions Office took a brief moment and said that the number of appointment for registration has superseded the number of spaces available. While making it clear that the statement was being made in an unofficial capacity, the clerk said, "there is no way we are going to be able to accommodate all the students that have come."

Chancellor resigns

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

Dr. Donald G. Phelps resignation as chancellor of Los Angeles Community College District was confirmed yesterday by Fausto D. Capobianco, Director of Public Affairs for LACCD.

Phelps will leave his post at the end of the year to take a position as a full-time professor at the University of Texas in Austin. Phelps said frustration with continuing budget problems for higher education in California helped convince him to take the position in Texas.

"The master plan for higher education in the state has just been totally obliterated," Phelps said. He added that Community Colleges are supposed to help students prepare for future formal education but now it is almost as expensive to go to a community college as a state university. The plan to provide education at a minimal cost to the student has gone by the wayside.

Phelps was named chancellor of the LACCD in June, 1988. He received his PhD in Education Policy, Governance and Administration, with a focus on community college education, from the University of Washington. In 1987 he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education.

Capobianco said, "I have never met a finer fellow to work with. He

is just a wonderful boss and one of the finest educational leaders in the country. We have worked closely together since I started to work at the district a year ago. I have great admiration for him."

Doris M. Davis, associate professor of Family and Consumer studies at Los Angeles Valley College was saddened to hear of Phelps leaving his post. "I had no idea that he was throwing in the sponge, not that I blame him. He came on as chancellor at the height of all the problems facing the community colleges throughout California and worked diligently for five years trying to fight budget cuts and countless other obstacles."

Samuel H. Mayo, president of LACCD Administrators Association and LAVC Dean of Academic Affairs said, "As president of LACCDAA, I am deeply saddened to lose an outstanding chancellor and a close friend."

"Dr. Phelps is a man of vision and commitment to equal opportunity in LACCD. He is a deeply compassionate person who understands the value of education, particularly for students whose economic and social opportunities are frequently limited by family and economic constraints."

"While I am troubled by his loss to the district, I wish him well in his new position as a college professor. I am confident that he will continue to make significant contributions to education," Mayo said.

Duo heads paper for Fall term

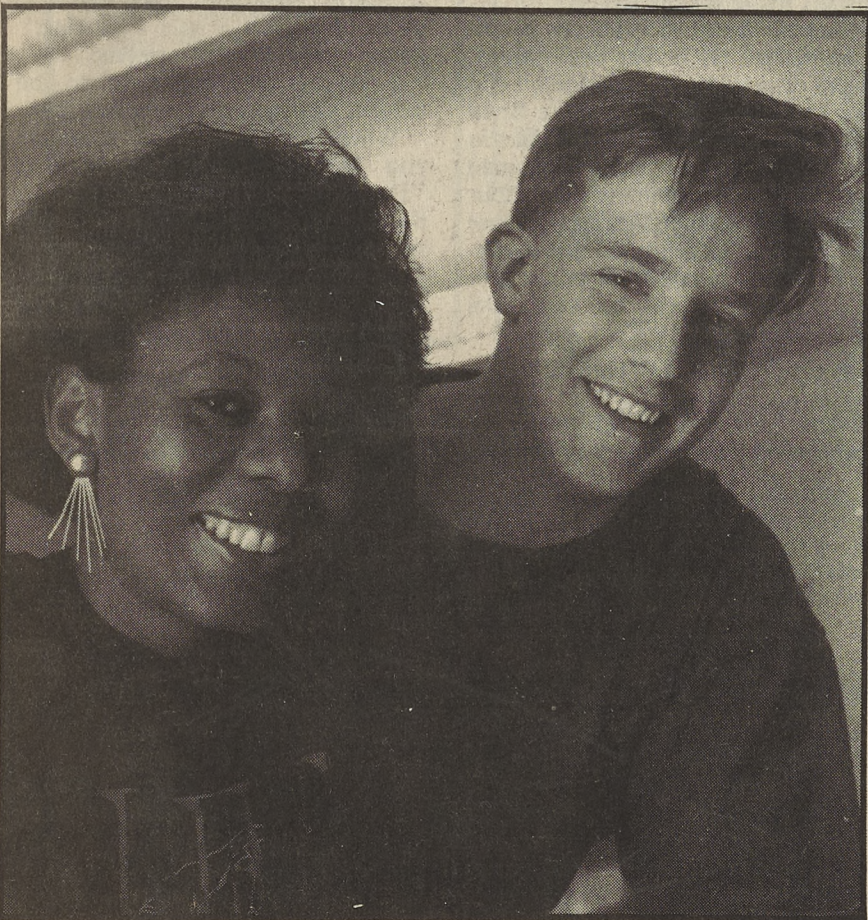
By ROBERT FINKEL
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley College campus newspaper, the "Valley Star," will enter a new era when the Fall 1993 semester begins. Along with modernization in its typesetting format, the paper will see a pair of students taking the helm as co-editors-in-chief for the first time ever.

Opinion page editor Sary Fornaris and associate editor Andrew Samuelson, both part-time students, were appointed to head the paper by the advisory board of the Journalism department after both students were interviewed April 29.

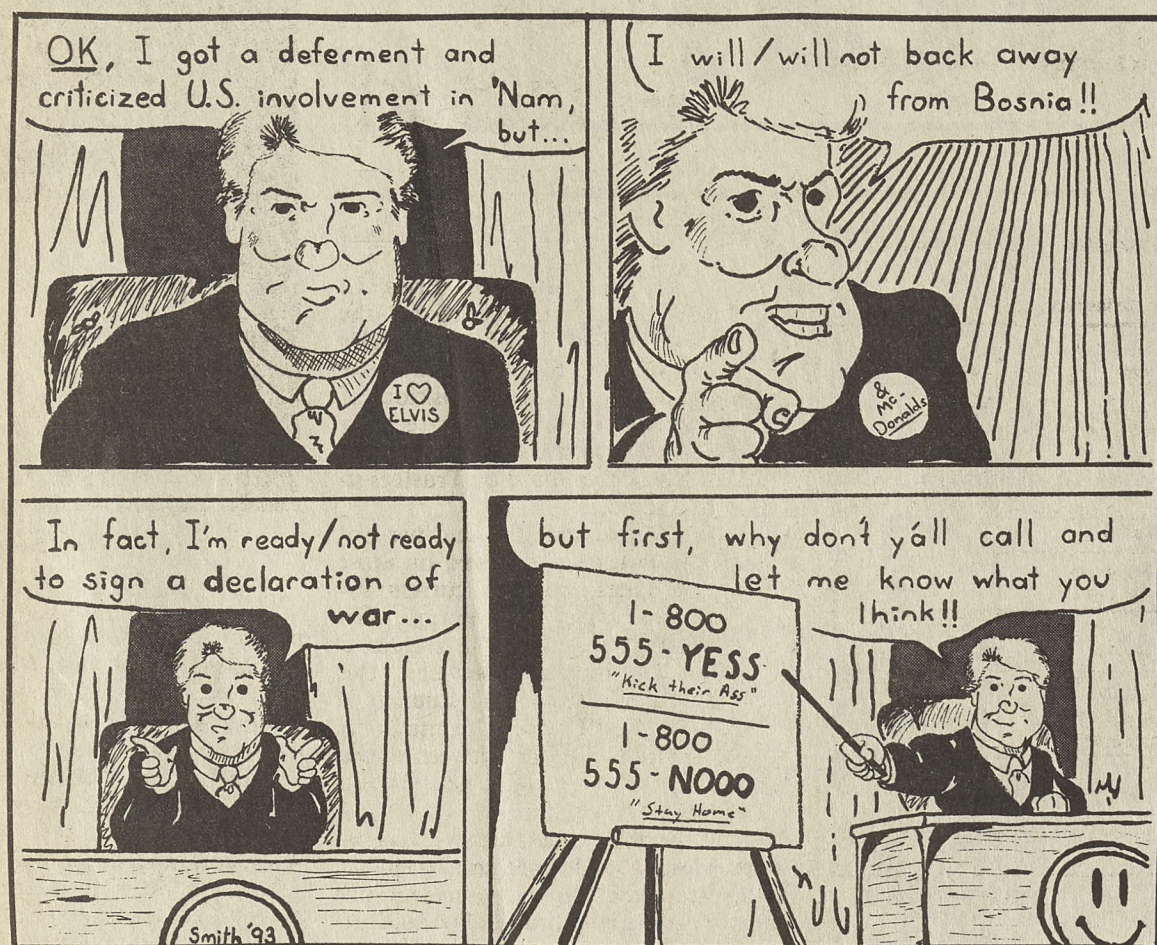
"It is a privilege to work on this paper. Every student in the journalism department should participate in this laboratory class because it gives us a taste of the real journalism world," Fornaris said. "The other 16,000 or 17,000 students on campus also benefit from the work we do when we cover issues that concern the Campus community. We owe them the best paper we can put out. That is why quality, fairness and variety are going to be the 'Star's' priorities."

Samuelson, the first male student appointed to the job in at least six semesters, promised "...objectivity.



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Sary Fornaris and Andrew Samuelson appointed co-editors.



EDITORIAL

Resignation signals SOS

A sea of economic disarray and lousy decision making at the state level is wrecking California's college system.

The ship of education is sinking and with it the chance for thousands of Californians to embark on their voyage in search of a better future.

The doors of the colleges are open but the fee increases and the shrinking budget are preventing many students to come in and many of those who are already in are quitting. Students are not the only ones quitting. A great leader is surrendering the up-stream battle and is leaving the ship and rowing to calmer waters.

Dr. Donald G. Phelps, Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, announced his resignation from that Board on Tuesday. California is no longer the place where community colleges provide affordable education for those who need it the most: minorities and disadvantaged students.

Since 1960, Phelps has been involved in the community college system in Seattle and Washington D.C. working to give the destitute a hope for advancement. When he joined the Los Angeles Community College District in 1988, California's community colleges still served their original purpose: teach and train the community at large. Not any longer.

Phelps' resignation signals that students, parents, employers and the community in general must be aware of Governor Pete Wilson's plan for the community colleges. Wilson proposes to cut colleges' funding by \$301 million and raise student fees to \$30 per unit for undergraduates and \$150 for those with degrees. He then wants use those funds to build jails.

Wilson sees higher education as a privilege of the elite, not as a right of the masses.

Affordable education should be the concern of the whole community. When employers cannot find well trained workers among the young, when the new generation can no longer dream of a brighter future, when parents' sacrifices are not enough to pay for the training of their children to hope for a better life than they themselves had, education has lost its purpose.

Phelps might be tired because he has fought long and hard. His input will be missed but the obligation to save California's college education belongs to the students.

Activism can save our ship. Rally, march, demonstrate in Sacramento, at Los Angeles Valley College, joining other campuses downtown. Let Wilson know that we have set our course and come 1994 elections he will no longer be our "skipper."

Letter to the Editor

ASU Commissioner defends organization's voting rules, work

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the article written in last week's issue of the *Star* by Derek Aney, "ASU pay-to-vote deemed unfair." I was perplexed by the lack of intelligence Mr. Aney used in his article.

Yes Mr. Aney you must be an ASU member to run for office in the ASU. This may be a shock to you, but you have to be an ASU member to take advantage of other pleasures sponsored by the ASU like discount movie tickets. But the shared governance is not one of the pleasures a student may enjoy for being an ASU member.

Every student at Los Angeles Valley College benefits from the efforts the ASU makes to improve our education system.

If Mr. Aney is still confused, please let me try to educate him. ASU stands for Associated Student Union. ASU defends the students interests.

The ASU is trying to keep tuition down and the number of classes available up. This is an uphill battle that ASU officers are fighting on a volunteer basis. None of the officers is paid for their time and efforts.

Speaking as a three semester commissioner on the executive council of the ASU, I do not sit in my personal office and wait for the next meeting.

I have counseled many people because they are HIV positive or because one of their loved ones had just died of AIDS complications. If Mr. Aney had done the same, maybe he could have seen the work that the ASU officers do on a day to day basis. Not to mention the activities being put on to help give everyone more insight of the multi-cultural composition of LAVC. Put all this together and you have a council that does not just sit in the office.

In conclusion, I agree with Mr. Aney when he writes "If the students of LAVC are not satisfied with their elected representatives, they must have the opportunity to change leadership." But remember, the Congress and President represent all people in the great United States of America; however, you do have to be a citizen in order to vote for the president, congress members and other elected officials.

Thank you, Mr. Aney for restoring reality to satisfy your own boring life. This has given me my final opportunity to correct a person who does not want to see someone else's point of view. Of course this is only my opinion based on facts, experience and feelings.

Tracy D. Hart,
ASU Commissioner
of AIDS Awareness.

Driving in a cocoon of fear

By SHARYN CADIA
Staff Writer

Driving is the ultimate California experience; warm and fuzzy, pleasurable, and hypnotic.

You stretch out on the highway, feeling the expanse of infinite space as the momentum pushes random thoughts in and out of consciousness.

I do my best thinking on the road, letting the highway take the bumps and shocks. All problems seem to dissolve in the sheer joy of motion.

But lately driving is no fun. My safe cocoon has become more like a web of fear.

There is too much to worry about; making sure car doors are locked, watching all sides of the car while idling at a stoplight and checking under trucks in the parking lot to make sure no one is hiding there.

I just can't relax. Some thug without a conscience could grab my car and maybe blow me away in the process. What a nice exchange-my life for a joyride.

According to the LAPD, there were 150 carjackings reported in the San Fernando Valley in the first three months of this year-33 in Van Nuys alone. There have been three deaths of victims of carjackings in the Valley since March.

There has even been a carjacking at Los Angeles Valley College.

According to Captain Karl Traber of the Campus Police, on February 18, 1993 at 11 a.m., a student was

returning to his car that was parked in Lot B, when he saw two men driving away in his '83 Buick Skylark.

He screamed, "Hey man, my car," but the driver had one hand on the steering wheel and the other on a gun.

The student quickly ran to Bungalow 59, where the Campus Police called 911, giving the vehicle description and license number. Luckily, the car was recovered at a local elementary school within the hour.

But how often is a car recovered this quickly or at all? How much fear do we have to live with, our lives held hostage by gun-toting punks, out to grab whatever they can get?

In this game of chance, could you be the next victim, like Sherry Foreman, 29, who was stabbed and murdered in Sherman Oaks on March 30, during an attempted carjacking? Or could you end up like Thomas MacDowell, a 32-year-old actor and part-time bartender, who was shot and killed while parking his BMW on Hesby St. in North Hollywood?

According to Brad Smith of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, there is "no such crime as carjacking that has been defined in the California Penal Code." The word carjacking does not exist in the word of the California law, but the pain it causes never ceases to exist in the hearts of its victims.

At the present time, criminals convicted of carjacking are prosecuted for robbery, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping or murder, depending on the circumstances.

Under the California Penal Code, the penalty for robbery is two, three, or four years in prison. If you add a gun to that, you add three, four, or five years of additional prison time. In translation, that means that any idiot could threaten you with a gun, steal your car and only get five years, if caught.

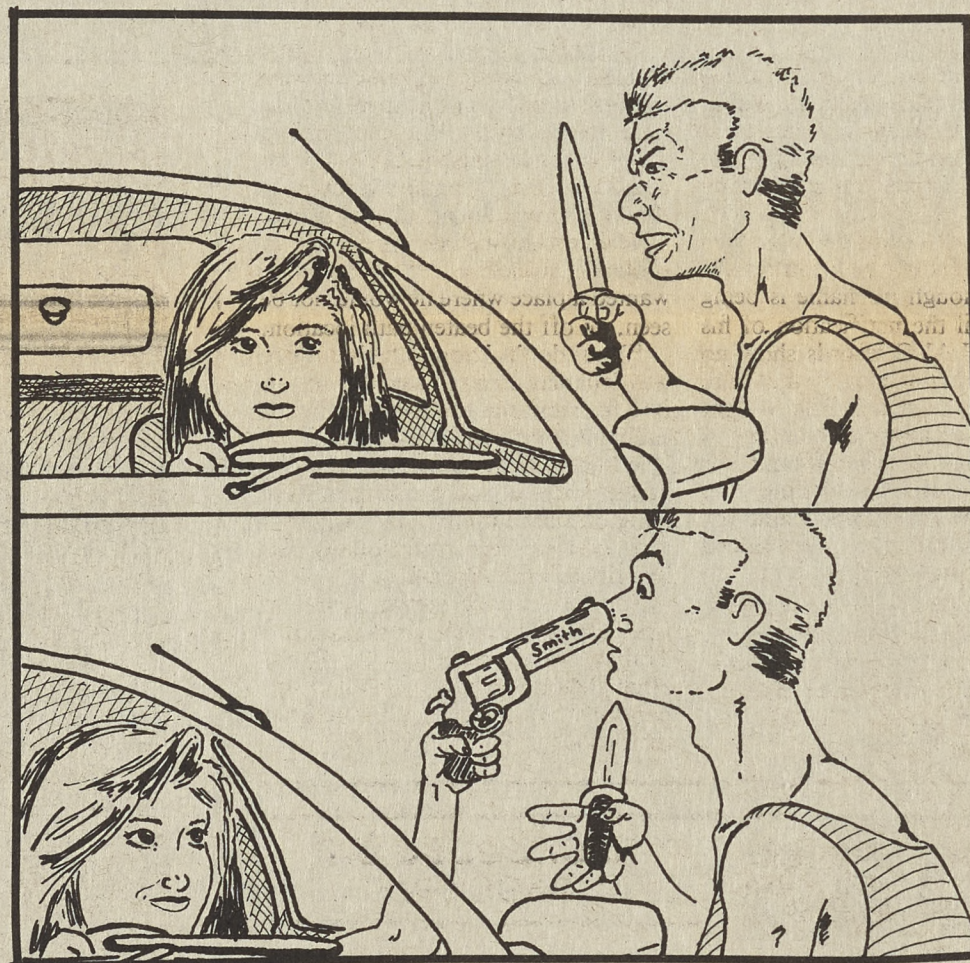
The law carries a much stiffer penalty when it comes to murder in the course of a carjacking. Under state law, this would be considered "special circumstances murder" and the maximum penalty is life without parole or death. If a person is a murder victim of this crime, it doesn't do him any good. He's dead already.

California needs tougher laws to act as a deterrent against carjacking to stop these senseless murders.

At the present time, there are two bills before the legislature concerning carjacking; both adding the definition of carjacking to the Penal Code, and providing additional penalties. They are AB 6, authored by Assemblyman Burton and SB 60, the Presley Bill supported by Governor Wilson.

The status of these bills is uncertain. Which one will pass the legislature? That is also uncertain, but one thing is for certain. This crime will not go away unless something is done.

I urge you to contact your legislators and let them know how important this issue is to you. Every letter is read and kept on file. If lawmakers receive enough letters, they will listen and legislation will be passed. Students' voices are important. If you are tired of living in fear, let your voice be heard. The life you save may be your own.



Love me, please don't kill me

By D'ANDRE FORD
Staff Writer

Never trust a junky.

My mother always said "never trust a junky."

They have no friends and only love their heroin or whatever other drug. Mother wasn't talking about contracting AIDS.

It was about six years ago, when I spent a lot of time with friends, one by the name of Danielle. Danielle was an attractive girl with blonde hair and blue eyes. An intelligent and fun loving girl. She looked innocent. Inside her mind she was in pain.

Danielle was having a hard time understanding why her older brother would shoot drugs. Dropping acid and getting drunk was nothing unusual for any of the kids at our high school. Like the saying; "everyone's doing it," Danielle and

most of the other kids drank or smoked pot.

Danielle and her brother Mike were very close, almost inseparable. Where Mike went she went and what he did, she did. Heroin! Heroin! Heroin! Not me, death is the only way out! Cutting to the chase Danielle became an addict herself living on the streets.

Danielle is one of about ten people I know that fit similar descriptions. Every drug addict's story doesn't end like Danielle's. Others are like Brian and Steve. Brian is doing six years in the same place as Christian Brando and Steve is doing seven years, four months in Wasco penitentiary. Mouse E. stole her stepfather's car and wrecked it injuring two people in the process. All of these kids had O.K. lives on the surface.

Where is Danielle? Not sure. She could be dead by now.

Before she split, she had slept with a lot of people. No one knows when Danielle entered the high risk for AIDS group of drug addicts. I haven't tested positive, yet we should ask ourselves this question, did I have sex with this girl or someone who has had sex with her? Did you or your sex partner wear a condom.

"I don't remember, I was drunk. It happened so fast. I wasn't thinking," those are always good answers.

I would like everyone to be careful with whom they make love.

When you sleep with someone you might be sleeping with a "Danielle" or "Daniel" and all those they slept with. That is something to make you think.

All these kids lived in this community and also have attended school here. You might even know one or two of them.

Remember, who can you trust? Never trust a junky.

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The *Star* reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words.

Letters are subject to editing if

they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist, or sexually oriented denigrations.

Letters should be signed and include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the *Valley Star* office, Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday.



Crime Watch

Between April 15 and May 8, Los Angeles Valley College Police answered to three burglaries from motor vehicles one stolen vehicle, one petty theft and one robbery.

Captain Karl Traber of the Campus Police, reported a reduction in criminal activities in comparison with last month.

All burglaries from motor vehicles happened in Lot D. The stolen vehicle was taken from Lot B.

In April, LAVC police instituted an uniformed bicycle patrol. Captain Traber said he expects that the bicycle patrol, coupled with the awareness of the Campus community, will help to keep reducing the number of crimes at LAVC.

Students, staff and faculty may visit the Campus Police office in Bungalow 59 to familiarize themselves with the crime prone areas at the College through the Campus Crime Map.

To get Campus Police you may dial #30 from any public telephone on Campus.

—Compiled by
Sary Fornaris

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SPRING SEMESTER 1993

May 20, 1993 to May 28, 1993.

Except for classes of less-than-semester length, THE LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL DAY AND EVENING CLASSES is Wednesday, May 19, 1993.

Classes which meet only one day per week will have their final exam at the first regular class meeting after May 19.

Classes of less-than-semester length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All evening classes (4 p.m. and later) will have their final exam as follows:

Monday classes: May 24
Tuesday classes: May 25

Wednesday classes: May 26
Thursday classes: May 20

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED in regularly assigned classrooms and should not exceed two hours in duration.

The date of the final exam is determined by the first day and first hour a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid. In case of problems or conflicts, see the instructor.

Final Exam Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-10 am				MAY 20 9 & 9:30 am T or Th	MAY 21 9 & 9:30 am M, W, or F	MAY 22 All Saturday Classes
10:30 am- 12:30 pm				11 & 11:30 am T or Th	12 & 12:30 pm M, W or F	
1-3 pm				1 & 1:30 pm T or Th	3 & 3:30 pm M, W or F	
Final Exam Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-10 am	MAY 24 8 & 8:30 am M, W or F	MAY 25 8 & 8:30 am T or Th	MAY 26	MAY 27 7 & 7:30 am T or Th	MAY 28 7 & 7:30 am M, W or F	
10:30 am- 12:30 pm	11 & 11:30 am M, W or F	12 & 12:30 pm T or Th	10 & 10:30 am M, W or F	10 & 10:30 am T or Th		
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Hauck re-elected

By BILL McBRIDE
Staff Writer

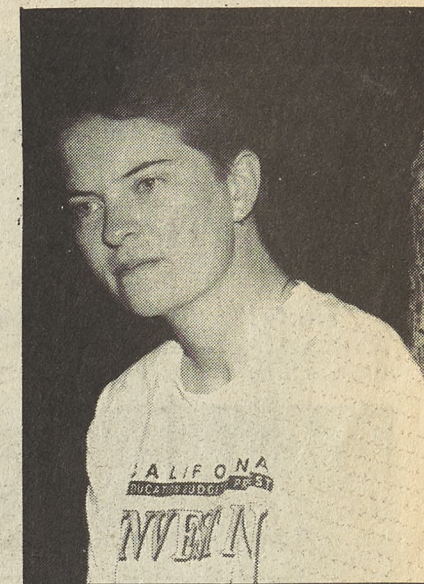
In the fall of 1989, Erica L. Hauck began her ascent on the political ladder of Los Angeles Valley College. Since that time she has held titles in various positions of student government. Most recently Hauck has become the first Student Member of the Board of Trustees to be re-elected.

Hauck said that she and her opponent Tracy Hart agreed on most of the issues, but her current involvement offset the election. "In the past 11 months, I've created a good relationship between the Board of Trustees and students," said Hauck. "I hope to continue to foster more relations between them, but my priority right now is the budget and fees."

With the incumbency Hauck stressed that she will not have to undergo the three to six month training period of a rookie Student Trustee. "I can continue right on doing what I started," she said.

Hauck is a major in Administration of Justice with plans to transfer in the Fall of '94 to continue studying law. Her involvement in student government has slowed down her transfer which brings up another of her main issues. "You can't go through a community college in two years anymore. That's an old myth. The class availability isn't there anymore."

Realizing the impact of the budget cuts, Hauck makes frequent trips to Sacramento to lobby for budget reforms. "We need as many



Erica L. Hauck

people as possible to talk to our legislators," she said. Hauck spent the past weekend in Sacramento leading an orientation of student trustees.

Hauck is no stranger to educational institution politics. She was ASU President from '91 to '92 and ASU Treasurer in the Spring of '91.

As part of a graduating class of 18 at Valley Alternative Magnet School, she called her education liberal in respect to educational politics. "It was based on shared governance by students and parents and self-motivation. I learned a lot about decision making and how educational facilities operate," she said.

Hauck, 22, will begin her second term as Student Trustee on June 1. The coming year's problems will no doubt be the toughest Hauck has had to face. "Now we're only seeing class cuts, I think in the next few years we're going to see college cuts." With a \$1.8 million cut for next year, Hauck will have to get her sleep on the bus to Sacramento.

NEWS BRIEFS

1st Annual Cultural Festival: will be held Friday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is \$1.

Board of Governors Grant Applications: being given out now for the '93 - '94 academic year. Students needing assistance with enrollment fees should go to the Financial Aid office.

Scholarship: In memory of Susan Turcillo, a scholarship in her name will be awarded to women athletes. Eligibility requirements for the award include being involved in intercollegiate competition or related sports activities. Information and applications can be obtained in the Women's P.E. office. The application deadline is May 21, 1993.

will occur the morning of graduation (May 27) at 9 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$5 available in the Business Office during the day and in the Bookstore in the evening.

After Commencement Dinner/Dance: will be held at the Sportsman's Lodge following commencement ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. "Woody James and his Quintet" will be performing. Tickets must be purchased by May 14 from Les Schneider.

Commencement Breakfast:

Body found at LAVC

By NANCY VIGRAN
Staff Writer

The body of an apparent suicide was found at Los Angeles Valley Campus on Monday morning on a ramp to the Theater Arts Building according to Campus Police Captain Karl Traber.

The man believed to be in his thirties was not thought to be an LAVC student. Although his name is being withheld until the notification of his next-of-kin, LAVC records show no information on the man, Traber said.

At 9 a.m. Monday, Eric Wright who was on campus attempting to get a registration appointment for summer school, was walking the path between the Library and the Theater Arts building. He noticed someone on the ramp.

As he walked closer, he realized the man was not moving. Wright checked to see if there was anything he could do and discovered that the man had been hanged. He called to a girl to phone the police.

"I wish there was more I could have done, but it was [a case of] too little, too late, I guess," he said.

Campus Police officers Mike Habich and Spencer Gosenson were the first to arrive at the scene. According to Gosenson the man had a driver's license and LAVC had no records on him. He had already been dead for several hours, Gosenson said.

Traber said that the case is one of probable suicide and that the man wanted a place where he would not be seen, an off the beaten path location.

"You don't know whether there was foul play or not," said Gosenson. But for now the Coroner's office is calling it a suicide.

When Wright found the body, a driver's license and credit card were lying on the ramp in front of it, "as if they were left intentionally for identification," Wright said.

The last suicide victim found at LAVC was five to six years ago, said Traber, when the body of a Grant High School teacher, who had apparently shot himself, was found in the bushes in Parking Lot B.

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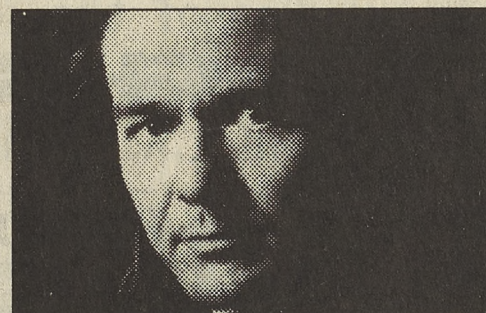
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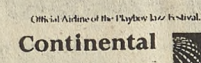
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James makes history in world of jazz

By NANCY VIGRAN
Staff Writer

"Terrific!" "Fabulous!" Such are the adjectives used to describe the teaching of Dr. Woody James,



Dr. Woody James practices with the LAVC Studio Jazz Band during class time. The band will perform a concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Music Room 112.

music instructor at Los Angeles Valley College.

Born into jazz, James developed his musical talents at an early age. Piano lessons at age four, a brief interest in drums, back to piano at age 12 and on to the trumpet two years

later; James grew up in Mississippi playing musical instruments with the influence of his father, a jazz trumpet player.

After receiving his bachelors and masters degrees, James spent a year on the road playing with several jazz bands including those of Les Elgart and Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

Invited to become a grad assistant at the University of Michigan, James returned to school and received a PhD in music composition.

"Degrees in music lead to teaching," James says. And so it has, as James has been teaching ever since.

When offered a chance to teach at Los Angeles City College, 18 years ago, James took the job. LACC was one of the most famous jazz music colleges in the country, he says. It was the first college to offer a jazz band class for credit back in 1947.

But at a time when good music students have become a premium,

James moved to LAVC where he teaches two studio jazz band classes, orchestration and arranging, music notation and copying and other music courses.

John Sherri works with James day and night. He participates in the jazz band class and James performs with the John Sherri Group at weekend dances. "He's a great musician and a great teacher," Sherri says of James, "and he is very patient with his students."

Shawn DornBos has been familiar with the name Woody James since the age of 10, while James was teaching at LACC. When DornBos got out of the military, he enrolled at LAVC because of its strong music program and to study under James.

John Balbuena, a pianist who has been enrolled at LAVC for two years, hopes to follow in James' footsteps. "We're lucky to have him as an instructor," Balbuena says.

James is concerned about his students who are having to pay increased fees to participate, especially if they have advanced degrees. He does feel that the jazz band classes will continue, possibly with decreased unit credits (resulting in reduced fees) and through recruiting on his part.

"We're lucky to have him as an instructor."

John Balbuena

James is also an accomplished chess player. "That's how I put myself to sleep at night," he says. During a music camp he attended while in high school his roommate played chess. James' interest was sparked and by the time he was in grad school he became a trophy win-

ner in the sport.

James and his wife Susan share a love for music. She is an accomplished vocalist and actress having performed in the "Sound of Music" on stage, "Hair" at the Aquarius Theater and appearances on the ABC soap opera "General Hospital".

The LAVC Studio Jazz A Band under the direction of James will perform this evening at 8 p.m. in Music 112. The B Band will perform Wed., May 19 at 11 a.m., also in Music 112. Performances are free.

The Jazz Bands will also be performing during the LAVC graduation ceremonies on May 27 and the "Woody James Quintet" made up of professionals including James on trumpet with a keyboard, drums, saxophone and a vocalist will perform during the first post-commencement dinner/dance at the Sportsmen's Lodge following the graduation ceremony.

LAVC recording arts program finds an oasis

By ROBERT FINKEL
Staff Writer

As you move around the panelled recording studio, you are surrounded by gold records. A 60-channel sound mixing console worth a half-million dollars, around which student engineers are mingling, laughing and talking, is at the center of the large room.

In the back of the room are two 24-track tape recorders that can be linked together and synchronized to allow overdubbing on 46 channels. There is over a million dollars worth of equipment right there, and that's just the beginning.

Are you really in Mike Julian's LAVC class, Music 165 and 265, Recording Arts?

Well, not really — but sort of!

Even if the Community College system were in its golden age of state budgets, it would be impossible to afford the expensive equipment that inhabits today's state of the art recording facility like the one at Group IV Studios in Hollywood.

As a result, LAVC instructor Julian and studio owner Angel Balestier are extending the classroom to the workplace in an effort to give

motivated students access to the environment that they need to get ready for a career in sound recording, engineering, and, if they are lucky, becoming a producer of CD's or movies and TV scores.

Currently there are eleven LAVC students that are assistant engineers at the studio. They help with basic duties. The assistant engineers set-up microphones, music stands, sound baffles, and work the patch bay in the control room.

"Students also deal with the SIMPTE time code," Julian said. "SIMPTE means Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. Sound and dialogue in motion pictures and television. The combination of MIDI [Musical Instrument Digital Interface] knowledge and SIMPTE awareness places these students on the cutting edge."

If this all sounds like another language, it's just like the jargon in any other field. The way Julian runs the class, almost all of the entire first semester of the six-semester program is spent learning the tools and language from your seat out of handouts (no textbook!). And that's what makes his arrangement with Group IV so important.

The control room (Music 114) at

LAVC is very small, with an 8-track tape recorder and 16 input recording console. Competition is severe to get even a little time "behind-the-board." In what may turn out to be a very progressive and trend setting innovation, this cooperation with a local business is providing students the experience with equipment that changes faster than any school can keep up with.

One student intern, Rob Luttrell, states flatly "the recording studio at the school just doesn't have facilities like this." Luttrell puts in eight hours a week at Group IV.

For intern Marko Monahan, a composer, another facet of the modern studio is most important. "You can't separate the technical aspect from the composition aspect any longer. The sounds that the computer-aided composer has at his fingertips means that engineering goes hand-in-hand with writing music."

Luttrell, whose interests run to video and film as well, pointed out that "looking for a job in this field will require such a broad familiarity with technical know-how that work experience in an actual studio is essential."

The computer music aid that Monahan refers to is MIDI, He calls

it "a language that allows synthesizers to talk to each other — a musical word processor." Fortunately, the studio at LAVC does have this capability, so when interns begin at Group IV they are pretty much up to speed.

For Julian, the association with Group IV solves a lot of problems. "The student population in Music 165/265 is between 80-100 when the semester begins," Julian says, "It's difficult to handle that amount given the tools at the school. Hence, I established this intern program with the help of Angel Balestier. The more promising students are able to expand their activities at the Group IV intern program."

"Angel and I are presently putting together an advanced recording workshop at Group IV." Anybody wanting information can call Julian at LAVC, Ext. 346. It will be about a 30-week long program.

As well as being a creative way out of the budget pinch and the rapidly changing musical equipment problem in the music department, Julian may have found the answer that solves other departments funds shortage: an alliance with the local business community.

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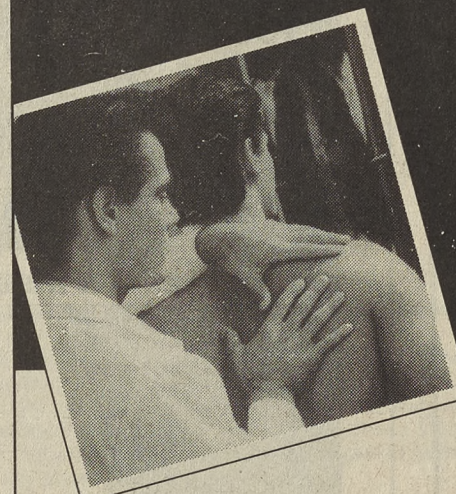
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Different cultures enrich lives

By J. BASSMAN
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Alejo knows how to keep busy.

For this always smiling full-time Los Angeles Valley College student, each day begins on the Van Nuys campus at 7 a.m. Spending a full six hours at LAVC every Monday through Friday attending one of six general education courses or grabbing minutes for study, Alejo's enthusiasm and motivation never seem to wane.

As any college student will attest to, academic life is no easy task. But for Alejo, who just learned the English language last year, the challenge is even greater.

Born and raised in Tabasco, located in the southern part of Mexico, Alejo came to America, specifically California, nearly two years ago. Her first goal was to learn the language. After taking an eight month course in a downtown Los Angeles school called Cambria and becoming proficient, Alejo transferred to LAVC. Now she is working on completing her second semester.

In addition to studying for a teaching credential, which Alejo is anxious to complete, or relaxing with hobbies that include driving, reading, writing letters, singing, listening to all kinds of music, playing piano and reciting poetry, Alejo is also a nun - a sister actually. Sister

Elizabeth is a member of the order of Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacraments.

Wearing traditional nun's clothing, a habit, consisting of simple black, knee-length dress with a white high-neck collar, symbolizing poverty, a shoulder length black veil and modest high-heeled shoes, this is the only style of clothes she wears. A watch and a silver chained necklace with a medal containing cut out designs of a cross and the letters "SJS" on it are the only jewelry Sister Elizabeth wears.

For a seemingly plain outfit, either the clothes or something else causes this Sister to get noticed on campus. Greeted with never-ending nods, silent stares, verbal comments or questions, this patient Sister does not ever seem to mind.

She tells of a recent situation when a young male student asked her if she was really a nun. Yet another student exclaims that he was "so scared to meet a nun" - but was really "only joking." Calmly says Sister Elizabeth, "Maybe Habits make people feel uncomfortable. It doesn't bother me. I try to be friendly with everybody."

Religion was and still is practiced in her childhood home. "My mother is religious," says the Sister. "But I did not really think about becoming a nun or sister when I was younger."

What changed her mind was a trip taken with a girlfriend at the age of 14 to the Guadalajara, Mexico con-

vent. Invited to a three-day retreat and visit, Alejo was able to observe and she liked what she saw. Seeing how happy everyone was; that taking care of children and older, ill nuns; singing; working in the community; having their own schools in which the sisters worked as teachers and principals; managing the choir for mass; having retreats and activities for the church was part of the curriculum of this congregation, Alejo thought "that this was not a bad idea."

Although her friend never signed up, Alejo did soon afterwards and this 22-year-old has never looked back.

"To serve God for the rest of my life, and for the ability to serve God, to give strength to serve is what I want to be able to do," says Sister Elizabeth.

Since responding to God's call, Sister Elizabeth goes "wherever God needs me to help." Being transferred to the San Fernando Valley came as a surprise at first to her. But the seemingly unflappable Sister has taken it all in stride.

Coming to Los Angeles has made her more "worldly" she says. So far she has encountered many things both good and not so good.

Meeting so many people with such different cultures and backgrounds has been a wonderful learning experience. "Different customs, different cultures can enrich us on how people live. I enjoy how people pray and what they believe in. Even the different languages, there may be a dif-

ferent melody but it is the same song," she says.

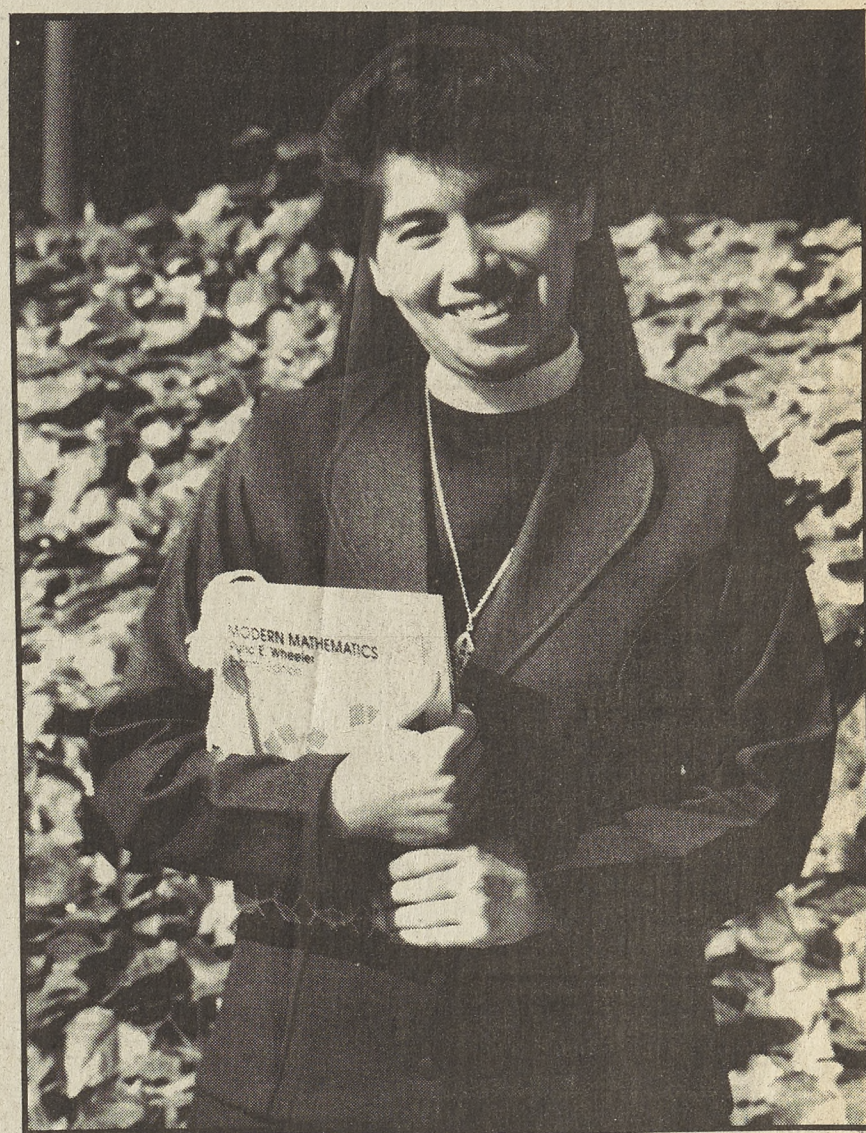
As for the not so good, last year while traveling to the Cambria School, Sister Elizabeth got a firsthand view of the L.A. riots. "It was scary, to see the fires and the military. And hearing the firemen and other people yelling and screaming was very, very scary. It made me realize how important it was to serve here - to educate the people here in L.A."

Sister Elizabeth believes that the best way to change communities and people for the better, to have less violence for example, is to educate the citizens.

Explains the soft-spoken Sister, "Education is one way to form values and morals. If you want to stop the people from being violent, it takes more than one person to change things. But by working with the children, they [the children] will grow up with strong values and morals. If they have a strong belief, they won't do anything wrong." The Sister counsels mostly adults but everyone in the community with their life goals and education.

Wishing that there were more sisters and nuns, Sister Elizabeth confesses that there are different ways to serve God.

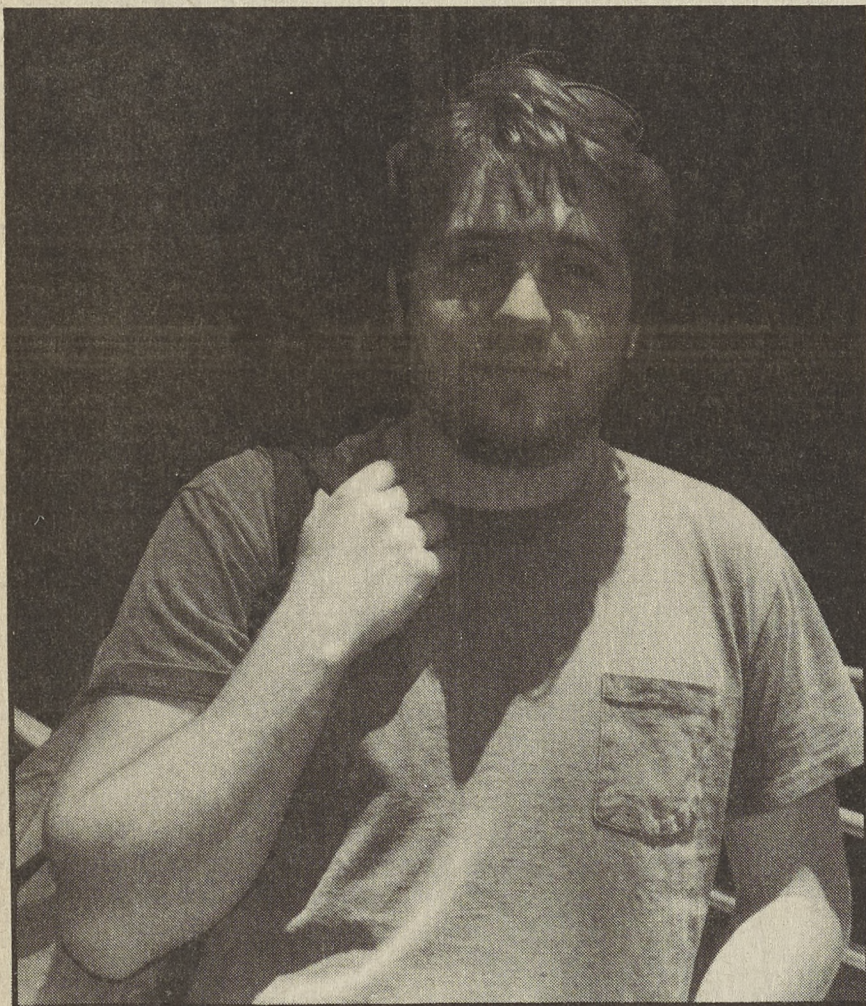
As for her thoughts on sisters and nuns, explains the wide-eyed young Sister, "People think because we are nuns, we are different, but we are the same. We are humans with another way to respond to life—to God."



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Sister Elizabeth Alejo is one of the many Sisters who currently attend Los Angeles Valley College.

Student seeks more daring road to education



DEREK ANEY / Valley Star

"Izzy" Basharel, 22, a second year LAVC student and business management major, was on one of 40 aircraft used to rescue 14,000 Ethiopian Jews in 48 hours.

By EVA R. YELLOZ
Staff Writer

What does Moses and Solomon have to do with a contemporary airlift rescue involving Israel?

These biblical names used in the 20th century brings light to a mission undertaken by a government to release thousands of "Lost Jews" to their promised land.

Moses and Solomon were ancient leaders. They were also code names given the Israeli secret operations to release Ethiopian Jews from their mountain villages. Israeli "Izzy" Basharel, 22, a Los Angeles Valley College business management major, was on one of the 40 aircraft used to rescue 14,000 of those people in a matter of 48 hours.

Basharel, a second year LAVC student has attended area schools since he was five years old and continued his orthodox theological studies at Neve Zion in Jerusalem, Israel.

During a holiday break in Jerusalem, Basharel's classmates came across literature recruiting foreign students into a three-week army training program. It didn't take much coaxing from his buddies for him to sign up. His training unit consisted mostly of Americans, several of which were his friends and fellow classmates.

After his three week military indoctrination, Basharel yearned for more. Basharel said "I knew that this is what I wanted to do. There

was no question in my mind. I was going to join the Israeli army." The school he was enrolled in was not pro-military so they suggested he transfer to another seminary that worked in conjunction with military training programs.

Applying for Israeli citizenship was a prerequisite for induction into the military. Making a phone call to his parents in the States was on his list. Basharel is the eldest of three children, and the only son. Initially his parents objected to his decision but Basharel sold them on the idea from half-way around the world.

Basharel, an orthodox Jew, became the member of an observant army unit and completed his basic training, tank training and maneuvering in seven months.

During his training, Basharel was chosen as "Best Soldier in the Unit." "As a token of their appreciation, they asked me if I wanted to train to parachute jump. I was honored and accepted," he says.

Fifteen hundred meters up in the sky, honor turned to fear. Basharel recalls "chickening out the last second." Today he looks back and remembers that about a quarter of the men had difficulty jumping the first time. After five jumps, three during the day and two at night, he earned his paratroopers wings.

In the spring of 1991, Basharel was about to complete his military obligation. He was approached by a commanding officer and told to prepare his best and cleanest uniform.

Basharel was in a quandry.

On Israeli Independence Day, it's customary for outstanding soldiers to be invited to the prime minister's residence for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Basharel was on Itzhak Shamir's party list.

Basharel said "My friends didn't know where I was. They were all discharged. They were going home to the States. I thought that maybe some disciplinary action was going to be taken against me — I used to keep a sloppy bunk and didn't always follow the rules." Basharel asked his buddies not to leave the country without him. He told them, "If I go to jail, get me out. Don't leave me!"

The next day, as Yitzhak Shamir "pressed the flesh" at his annual cocktail party, TV cameras recorded the event and even got a quote from Basharel on the air. His friends knew where he was.

Soon after the Independence Day party, he was contacted and told about Operation Solomon; the emergency airlift that took 14,324 refugees from Addis Ababa to Tel Aviv. On May 24, 1991, Sergeant Israel Basharel boarded a plane bound for Ethiopia to serve as a communicator.

Basharel recalls the mixed emotions of surprise and satisfaction he felt when he was asked to participate in the future fate of a people who claimed to be descendants of one of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Basharel says "I focused in on

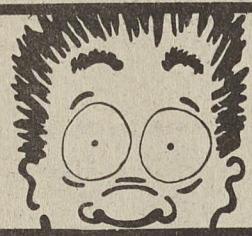
what was expected of me; I didn't care about anything else." He adds "When we landed I had a big smile on my face and a lot of chills. The people waiting were in a frenzy— crying, mixed up, confused. It was a salad of emotion."

Basharel did not tell anyone of his mission beforehand. His parents, family and friends, stateside or in Israel knew nothing of Basharel's whereabouts that night.

Thinking back, his mother, Leah Basharel says "I was very worried about him; it was the time of the Gulf War. But when I found out about his mission, I was very proud and very excited. I was suspicious that there was something wrong. All his friends came home and he kept putting his return off a week, and then another." His mother remembers the first word that came out of her mouth when her son called to tell her where he had been and what he participated in— she said, "Wow!"

Basharel's psychology professor, Dr. Allan Levine says "He impresses me as a socially conscientious, responsible and mature person in that he supports himself, assists his family and volunteered to take on both study and obligations that were challenging and dangerous. He was an outstanding recruit, going beyond the minimum duty. He was noticed and selected for a position of tremendous and great importance helping to rescue thousands of people from circumstances they could do nothing about and that few others cared to do anything about."

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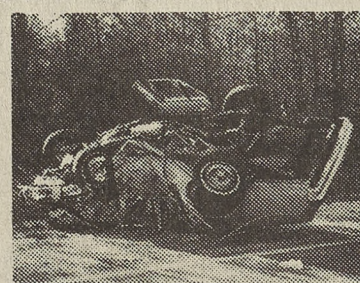
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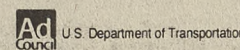
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Monarchs edged out of playoffs

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Editor-in-Chief

Needing to win one of their last two games to clinch second place in the Western States Conference and a playoff spot, the Monarch baseball team squandered a play-off bid by picking the wrong time to play their worst games.

The WSC will send its top two teams, College of the Canyons and Los Angeles Pierce College to the Southern California regional play-offs. Third place LAVC, which lost its last three games of the year, was denied one of the four at-large bids.

After getting trounced 20-7 last Thursday at Cuesta, Valley still had a chance to make the play-offs if they could defeat the conference champs, COC, at home on Saturday. But they could not.

With Willie Rivera out with tendinitis, Coach Chris Johnson started Jason Vargas.

Vargas lasted only three and one-third innings leaving the mound with Valley behind, 4-0.

Valley's bullpen, which had kept them in games during the middle of the season, was called on to hold off the powerful Cougar line-up in time for Valley's bats to wake up from a self-imposed trance.

But after Vargas' early departure, the Cougar line-up went through Monarch relievers quicker than a couch potato goes through bags of chips.

Four Monarch pitchers appeared in relief of Vargas and gave up the remaining nine runs, six of which came in the fifth inn-

The Monarch baseball team's Western States Conference final statistics

Batting	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
Stevenson	112	30	46	6	4	5	30	.410
Oreu	120	30	40	8	2	0	14	.333
Seper	101	21	29	4	0	0	28	.287
Paschia	80	21	23	1	1	0	11	.287
Zeichick	72	15	20	3	2	2	22	.277
Knezevich	76	12	21	1	1	0	14	.276
Stanley	109	25	26	3	1	0	14	.268
Weese	31	4	8	0	0	0	6	.258
Gordon	53	6	13	6	0	0	6	.245
Settles	109	25	26	5	1	1	19	.238
David	49	6	10	1	0	0	4	.204
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Rubin	22	4	3	1	0	0	1	.136
TOTALS:	1023	204	285	40	12	8	180	.279
Pitching	G	IP	W	L	SV	SO	BB	ERA
Rivera	19	90	8	2	4	71	22	2.59
Vargas	12	50	3	4	2	42	31	5.36
Velasquez	12	28	2	2	3	22	20	5.66

ing, on the way to a 13-1 loss.

The top of the fifth lasted 40 minutes, time enough for COC to bat through the order. The inning finally ended after Cougar first baseman, Andy Shaw collected his second hit of the inning and second baseman R. E. Jacobs missed third pass on his way to score. He was tagged out on an appeal to force the final out. Cougar shortstop John Aguilar's three-run home run high-lighted the inning.

The Monarch's offense meanwhile was mesmerized by Cougar pitching, which gave up one run and six hits while striking out seven Valley batsman.

After the game, Coach Johnson remained positive, before his team

was denied an at-large bid to the State playoffs.

The Pierce game was a dogfight he said and added that the two toughest games of the year were the last two against teams which were much looser than Valley.

"We set goals at the beginning of the year and winning 20 games (Valley's overall record was 20-16) and reaching the playoffs were the goals of ours," he said. "I like these kids and they've battled their brains out all year."

But the latter goal was not reached when Pierce defeated Santa Monica and clinched an automatic playoff bid, forcing Valley to wait until Monday's decision for a possible at-large bid.

Ocon to swim for father's country

By LUCY THOMAS
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The swimmer's motionless face is taut with her thick black eyebrows drawn like shades above her eyes, almost frowning as she stands on the starting block waiting for the starter to signal the beginning of the race.

She has a strong beautiful profile, almost a chiseled look that makes her seem more mature than her 20 years, and tells you that her ancestry is derived from an ancient Central American Indian tribe. She was told by her maternal grandparents that this is a fact, but they do not remember the name of the tribe.

Luzmila Ocon has been a member of the Los Angeles Valley College women's swim team since she enrolled at LAVC in the fall of '91. Ocon has been swimming for six years in school competition since junior high school.

"I have three brothers and they all swam and played water polo at school. They encouraged me to try out for the swimming team and with their help and coaching I made the junior varsity team. I improved so much that I received a four year varsity letter from Glendale High School," Ocon said.

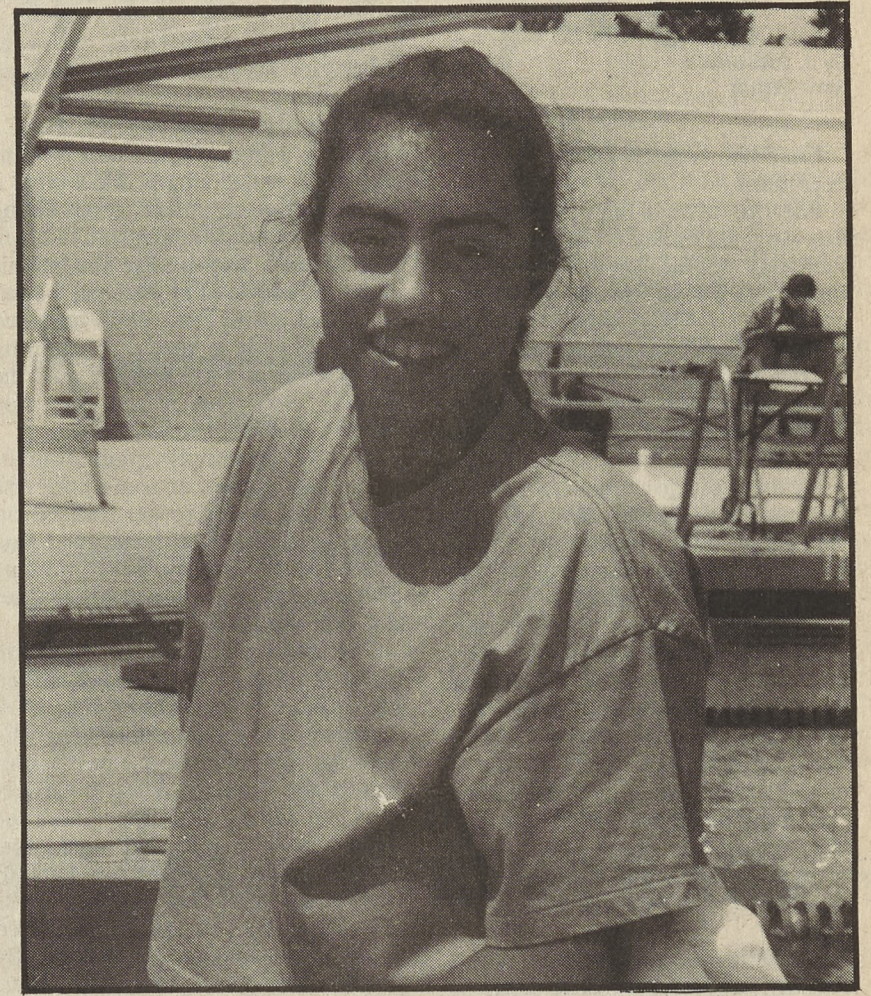
"We are a very close knit family, I also have an older sister and all five of us are always helping each other in any way that we can."

Ocon said that swimming has been very instrumental in her life so far. It was through a high school counselor that she got a job as a swimming coach at La Crescenta-La Canada YMCA. She works with the younger children teaching them their proper strokes and also with the older children to increase their yardage and endurance.

"All of my hobbies center around swimming, water polo, water skiing and some day when I can afford it I would like to get into scuba diving," Ocon said.

Her goal is to become a child psychologist. If something happens and she is not able to achieve this goal, she will go into another field where she can work with children, either as a teacher or a counselor.

"I love working with children,



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Luzmila Ocon takes in some sun at the LAVC swimming pool.

coaching them in swimming or helping them in any way that I can. I want to become a psychologist to help young people establish confidence and a sense of security" said Ocon.

Ocon will represent her father's native country, Nicaragua in the Central American Swim Games in El Salvador in January, 1994. She will swim the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Freestyle.

LAVC swimming coach, Bill Krauss has coached Ocon for the past two semesters and said, "Luzmila is without a doubt one of my favorite people. She is reliable, dependable and a real team player. She will swim any event you ask her too, without a moments hesitation and give you 110 percent everytime. She also was my water polo scorekeeper and gave us another 110

percent."

"I was asked to send her swimming records to Nicaragua recently and I was so proud of her. I am sure she will do very well and will be a credit to their team and her family," he said.

Gary Honjio, also a LAVC swimming coach said, "We have had many outstanding athletes, but it is Luzmila's personality and heart that push her ahead of the norm. She places the needs of the team ahead of her own and always has a word of encouragement for teammates," he said. "Her actions demonstrate positive leadership qualities that are universally admired. Her team spirit and dedication will be greatly missed by all when she leaves LAVC to pursue her career goals. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors," Honjio said.

Introducing LAVC Athletes of the Year

As the spring 1993 semester quickly draws to a close the Los Angeles Valley College athletic department announced their choices for the 1992-93 Athletes of the Year. One male and one female athlete were chosen as well as a scholastic athlete of the year.

Football player Howard Blackwell

was chosen after an outstanding season. Blackwell was awarded the title of Western State Conference southern division player of the year.

Basketball player Rosa Mendez was named female athlete of the year. Mendez was the Lady Monarchs leading scorer, Mendez also had the highest scores in 21 out of 30 of the

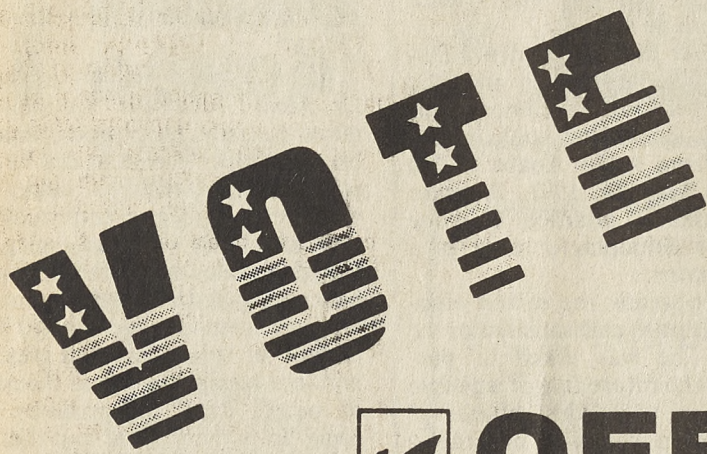
teams games.

Water Polo player, William Hart was named scholastic athlete of the year. Hart, who was a member of Valley's "A" team carries a grade point average of 3.93.

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